Investment in housing sector

4215. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government propose to attract foreign investment in housing sector;

(b) the amount Government envisage as the total investment in the coming three years in the housing sector, State-wise; and

(c) the share of amout to be invested by foreign companies out of the above, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Government has already announced a Scheme in 1993 to attract foreign investment. As per the scheme, Non-Residents of Indian nationality/origin and Overseas Corporate Bodies (OCBs) predominantly owned by Non-Residents of Indian nationality/origin having at least 60% of beneficial interest in such bodies are allowed to invest in housing and real estate development sector. Further the Government, by a Press Note No. 4 of 2001 dated 21.5.2001 issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has permitted foreign direct investment (FDI) upto 100% for development of integrated townships only, including housing, commercial premises, hotels, resorts, city and regional level urban infrastructure facilities such as roads and bridges, mass rapid transit systems and manufacture of building materials. Development of land and providing allied infrastructure will form an integral part of township's development for which necessary guidelines/norms relating to minimum capitalisation, minimum land area, etc. have also been issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Press Note No. 3 of 2002 dated 4.1.2002. FDI in this sector would be permissible with prior Government approval.

(b) and (c) The total investment in the coming three years in the housing sector cannot be stated at this stage.

Towns covered under low cost sanitation scheme

4216. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to State:

(a) the number of towns selected/covered in the country under Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation of scavengers, State-wise;

(b) the total number of schemes sanctioned and the total cost of the sanctioned schemes upto 31st March, 2002;

(c) the total number of conversion/construction of dry latrines into lwo cost flush latrines completed uptill 31st March 2002, State-wise; and

(d) the number of towns which have been declared scavanger free as on 31st March, 2002, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Under Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation of Scavengers, 858 schemes have been sanctioned at a project cost of Rs. 146741.18 lakhs covering 1492 towns. Construction/conversion of 14,58,274 units have been completed till 31st March 2002. 387 towns have been declared scavengers free. State-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise towns selected/covered under Low Cost Sanitation Scheme and number of towns declared scavenger free

Sl No	Name of States	No. of Towns Sanctioned by M/O UD	No. of towns Sanctioned by M/O SJ&E	No. of Schemes Sanctioned	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of Conversion/ Construction Completed	No. of towns declared Scavenger free
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	90	21	79	25787.47	346967	12
2	Assam	23	4	27	3908.27	4711	Nil
3	Bihar	15	0	3	106.75	Not available	Nil
4	Chhattisgarh	53	4	5	511.12	5219	4
5.	Goa	1	0	3	4546.36	32500	Nil
6	Haryana	72	4	85	4730.90	73590	3
7	J and K	27	0	7	507.78	Not available	Nil
8	Jharkhand	7	0	1	19.98	-do-	Nil
9.	Karnataka	42	10	67	8054.02	69651	Nil
10.	Kerala	15	0	2	309.50	13325	15
11.	Madhya Pradesh	246	43	35	7443.28	71592	15
12	Maharashtra	148	33	58	8245.34	94422	140
13.	Manipur	3	0	4	274.87	5732	Nil
14.	Meghalaya	2	0	3	172.93	1671	Nil
15.	Orissa	61	2	63	1218.92	22312	Nil
16.	Punjab	73	0	76	5850.11	176588	32
17.	Rajasthan	156	2	158	13380.06	191534	68
18.	Tamil Nadu	68	21	87	6590.44	95439	83
19.	Tripura	0	12	1	778.25	3478	Nil
20	Uttar Pradesh	43	31	69	37463.94	113278	Nil
21.	Uttaranchal	41	1	7	1254.02	4325	Nil
22.	West Bengal	117	0	17	15436.13	131815	15
23	A & N Islands	1	0	1	150.74	125	Nil
	Total	1304	188	858	146741.18	1458274	387